



TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

May 18, 2020

Good evening. This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza reaching out to all residents of the Town of East Windsor. A copy of this message, and more information about COVID-19, can be found on the Town's website.

Today, the local health district notified us of eight new cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor, and five additional fatalities at Fresh River. The Connecticut Department of Public Health is now reporting a total of 139 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor. In Connecticut, there are now 38,116 confirmed cases. Of our total confirmed cases in town, approximately sixty percent are residents of Fresh River Rehabilitation Facility.

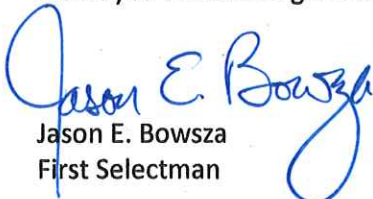
As you know, the state is intending to partially reopen certain aspects of our economy on Wednesday, including restaurants. Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7MM gives municipalities the authority to help restaurants reopen. In order to support our local restaurants, the Town has worked to develop a permitting process that will allow for restaurants to restart or establish outdoor dining. The process is business-friendly and easy, and applicants can get approval quickly. Restaurant owners will need to fill out an application on the Town's website, provide a simple site plan illustration that outlines what the outdoor footprint will look like, where tables and chairs will be located, and what safety procedures will be in place to protect the public. We'll also be asking for consideration of the noise and light impact on abutting property owners, and occupancy limitations to comply with the social distancing requirements put in place by the governor. Any restaurant interested in re-establishing or expanding into outdoor dining can contact my office at 860-698-1334. These outdoor dining approvals will be valid for the duration of the pandemic.

In my last message to you, I also relayed that there would be news shortly on COVID-19 drive-up testing opportunities in East Windsor. Those details are nearly complete, and I'll share specifics with you all during my update to you on Thursday.

We have seen good improvements in flattening the curve in our part of the state, and we're learning how to restore some normalcy as we adjust to the new circumstances in which we live. We are making progress little by little, but little by little becomes a lot.

Please continue to take any reasonable precautions to keep yourselves, your families and your neighbors safe and healthy.

I wish you continued good health,


Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

